

The following claims are presented for examination:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for comprising:

receiving, at an event notification system, a communication for a recipient;
~~identifying designated persons that have been previously designated for an~~
~~originating endpoint address associated with the received communication,~~
~~wherein at least one of the designated persons is not a sender of the~~
~~communication and is not the recipient;~~

generating, at the event notification system, a notification message, wherein the notification message includes information about a response that was dispatched for the received communication; and

generating, at the event notification system, a communication flow expression which contains at least one instruction concerning the transmission of the notification message;
executing the communication flow expression, at the event notification system, and sending the notification message from the event notification system to a first recipient that is identified in the communication flow expression the one or more designated persons.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the notification message is provided to the one or more designated persons in accordance with preference information specified by each of the one or more designated persons.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the preference information includes at least one media preference.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the preference information includes at least one human language type preference.
- 6-7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~identifying,~~ generating and sending-tasks are performed in response to the received communication being placed to a specified telephone number.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the notification message notifies the recipient of event ~~is~~ an emergency that has been reported to the event notification system ~~a receiver~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the notification message notifies the recipient of event ~~is~~ a telephone call that has been placed to a help desk.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving at least one response to the notification message.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving at least one status update from at least one of the one or more designated persons.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of dispatching ~~an appropriate a~~ response to the communication.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of receiving at least one status update from a person associated with the ~~appropriate~~ response.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of notifying at least one of the one or more designated persons of a status update.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~notification message is provided to the one or more designated persons in accordance with a~~ communication flow expression ~~[[that]]~~ describes whether ~~each of the one or more designated persons a second recipient~~ is notified based on a response from the first recipient ~~at least one other of the one or more designated persons~~.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a memory; and

at least one processor, coupled to the memory, operative to:

receive a communication for a recipient;

~~identify one or more designated persons that have been previously designated for an originating endpoint address associated with the received communication, wherein at least one of the designated persons is not a sender of the communication and is not the recipient~~

~~generate a notification message, wherein the notification message includes information about a response that was dispatched for the received communication; and~~

generate a communication flow expression which contains at least one instruction concerning the transmission of a notification message, wherein:

i. the communication flow contains an indication of a time of contact and an identification of a recipient, and

ii. the time of contact is a time at which the notification message is desired to be transmitted, and

iii. the time of contact is in the future relative to the time at which the generation task is executed;

execute the communication flow expression at the time of contact and send the notification message to the recipient ~~each of the one or more designated persons as a result of the execution; and~~

wherein the execution task comprises substituting the identification of the recipient with contact information for that recipient.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the notification message is provided to the one or more designated persons in accordance with preference information specified by each of the one or more designated persons.

19-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the notification message notifies the recipient of event ~~is~~ an emergency that has been reported to the event notification system ~~a receiver~~.

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the notification message notifies the recipient of event is a telephone call that has been placed to a help desk.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the processor is further configured to receive at least one response to the notification message.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the processor is further configured to receive at least one status update.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the processor is further configured to dispatch ~~an appropriate a~~ response to the communication.

26. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for providing a notification of an event, the article of manufacture comprising a machine readable and recordable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of: receiving a communication for a recipient;
~~identifying one or more designated persons that have been previously designated for an originating endpoint address associated with the received communication, wherein at least one of the designated persons is not a sender of the communication and is not the recipient~~

generating a notification message, wherein the notification message includes information about a response that was dispatched for said received communication; and generating, at the event notification system, a communication flow expression which contains at least one instruction concerning the transmission of the notification message;
executing the communication flow expression, at the event notification system, and sending the notification message from the event notification system to a recipient that is identified in the communication flow expression ~~the one or more designated persons.~~

27-28. (Canceled)